

SMOKE SIGNALS

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Administration's Message

Dear Residents:

"Old days, good times I remember, fun days, filled with simple pleasure . . ." The singer from Chicago belted out over my radio last weekend as I sat in my back yard drinking an ice cold lemonade while reminiscing back to summer days in the mid-70's when I was a kid. My favorite memories of childhood revolve around the freedom and simple pleasures of summer – riding my bike down the street to my cousin's house, climbing trees, and running through sprinklers in the backyard. As I drive around our Village, it is wonderful to see the children riding their bikes through Blackhawk Park, swinging on the backyard swings tied to towering oak trees in "Old Town," and running through sprinklers in Acacia.

Unlike so many surrounding villages we have an abundance of trees and rolling hills which makes Indian Head Park a great place to live. However, our park-like open atmosphere puts a greater burden on our residents to watch and protect their children from vehicle traffic. Please be mindful that the speed limit on all residential streets in the Village is **20 mph** and the speed limit on Wolf Road is **35 mph**. Also obey the new and existing stop signs placed throughout the Village for the safety of our residents and their children. While we have an outstanding and diligent police force, we all must do our share in monitoring the speed of our vehicles (as well as our neighbors) and keep an extra special look-out for children.

Another unique and wonderful resource we have is our phenomenal collection of hundred year-old oaks, elms, and maples that line our streets and backyards. The Village's dedication to preserving our trees has earned us the distinction of being an American Tree City for 14 years in a row. Because we hold our natural landscape in such high regard, the Village has a tree ordinance which requires property owners to submit an application for a tree removal, at which time our Village arborist will assess whether the tree is subject to removal. Your diligence in adhering to our tree ordinance is essential to maintaining our park-like atmosphere. Our tree ordinance can be found on the Village website or can be obtained from the Village Clerk.

The other natural resource we all share is Lake Michigan water. Gazing out into the horizon from the shores of Lake Michigan gives the false impression that the water supply is limitless. In fact, Lake Michigan water levels over the last few years are extremely low and our current dry spell has not helped. However, we can all do our part. First, make sure to adhere to the Village's outdoor water restriction

between noon and 6:00 p.m., May 15th through September 15th. Second, conserve water by turning off the water faucet, limit the length of showers, and use water conserving sprinkler systems.

After all, we all want the same things: opportunity for our children, prosperity for our families, and a safe and secure Village. We are each fortunate to live in the "best kept secret in Chicagoland." It is now up to us to live up to the legacy that was left for us, and to leave a legacy that is worthy of our children and of future generations. Have a great summer, be safe, and I will see everyone at our Village's Family Fun Day which is set for **Saturday, September 24, 2005**.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Walsh II, Trustee

17th Annual I & M Canal Rendezvous

The I & M Canal will be hosting the 17th Annual I & M Canal Rendezvous in Willow Springs on Saturday September 10, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Step back in time and discover the history and wonderful stories of our region. Many events will be taking place on both days including early American food, canoe races, tomahawk exhibitions, musical entertainment, games and more! For more information visit: www.imcanalrendezvous.org.



This summer plan a trip to the Heritage Corridor which offers many scenic places to hike including bike trails throughout the Illinois and Michigan Canal area, running from LaSalle Peru through Lockport. For a pamphlet or brochure about the Illinois and Michigan Canal Heritage Corridor visit the Heritage Corridor's Visitor Center located at 7800 West 65th Street in Bedford Park. The Center is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. Additional information may also be obtained by visiting the Website: www.canal-cor.org

School Safety Tips

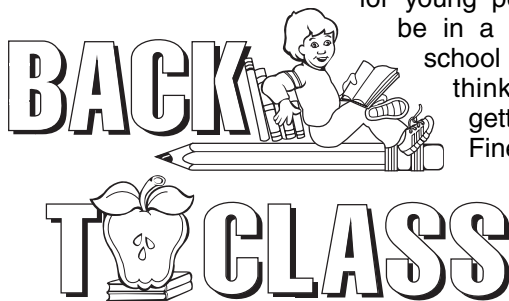
Children will be returning to school very shortly.

Tips for Students:

- Always buckle up when you're riding in a car.
- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.
- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.
- If you walk to school learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, stoplights and safety patrol instructions.
- Be a good role model for your younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and practice the safety rules.

Tips for Motorists:

- Always stop for a school crossing guard in the roadway. Failure to do so can result in a misdemeanor violation.
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits.
- Be alert. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.
- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely. Fines may be doubled for those issued a citation in a school zone.



Smoke Signals

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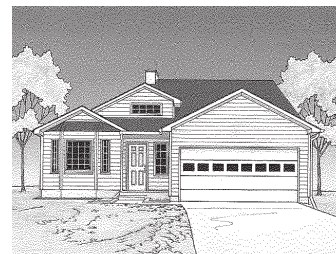
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From The Chief's Office

Patrick Crowley, Acting Chief of Police

Safety Announcement — Beat the Heat

During the past few weeks, we have experienced high heat and high humidity weather conditions. The Cook County Emergency Management Agency has provided the following information to help prevent heat exhaustion: drink plenty of water and natural juices, keep shades drawn and blinds closed, take advantage of air-conditioning, wear loose light cotton clothing, avoid heavy meals, avoid physical activity, call your family and friends and check on elderly neighbors. If you are in need of emergency medical attention, call 9-1-1.

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Scheduled Meeting Dates

Village Board of Trustees 7:30 p.m.:

Thursday, August 11, 2005

Planning and Zoning Commission 7:30 p.m.:

Tuesday, August 2, 2005

E-911 Board 6:00 p.m.:

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Police Commission 7:00 p.m.:

Thursday, September 1, 2005

All meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at
201 Acacia Drive. All residents are welcomed!

Picnic to Raise Funds

The Katelyn Foundation will be hosting a picnic to raise funds for the Progressive Osseous Heteroplasia Association on Sunday, September 11, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Arabian Knights Farm located at 6526 Clarendon Hills Road in Willowbrook. The Progressive Osseous Heteroplasia Association was formed ten years ago by Joan and Fred Gardner of Indian Head Park to raise funds for research on this extremely rare children's bone disease. The Gardner's granddaughter, Katelyn Jacobs of Brookfield was diagnosed with this disease. For additional information, picnic tickets or raffle books, please contact the Association at: POHA@comcast.net or by phone at (708) 246-9410. The Progressive Osseous Heteroplasia Association's Website is: www.pohdisease.org

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Student News

LaGrange Highlands Middle School

The following students from Indian Head Park were named to the honor roll or earned honorable mentions from LaGrange Highlands Middle School for the fourth quarter of the 2004/2005 school year. On a 4 point scale, a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 earns honor roll status and 3.0 to 3.49 qualifies for honorable mention. Congratulations to the following students: **(Eighth Grade Honor Roll)**: Katie Campbell, Vince Cefali, Angelo Christopher, Megan Creighton, Meredith Dost, Grace Fisher, Justin Gouty, Sam Hasiakos, Medeline Hasler, Jessica Koziel, Lauren Mayer, Molly Minton, Nikki Romano, Michelle Sangirardi, Paul Schied, Miranda Skeehan, Jill Sullivan, Alyssa Whaley. **(Seventh Grade Honor Roll)**: Teresa Begy, Sarah Carlson, Kirsten Conrath, Alisan Goetz, Christina Harazin, Haley Johnson, Elena Knetl, Mark Koziel, Victoria Ronin, Anastasia Schied, Willa Skeehan and Krista Ziolk. **(Sixth Grade Honor Roll)**: Anthony Appleyard, Alison Austermuehle, Jeremy Carlson, Veronica Christopher, Jennifer Daar, Jack Gouty, Rebecca MacDonald, Nina Madjer, Jessica Manuel, Brianna McNamee, Kathryn Phinick, Mariel Rogozinski, Julia Watkins and Samantha Yelnick. **(Eighth Grade Honorable Mention)**: Timothy Appleyard, Joey Benson, Ben Kabialis, Stephen Kovalsky, Nolan Morris, Brittney Pitello, Samantha Pitello and Allie Ziolk. **(Seventh Grade Honorable Mention)**: Katherine



Klemchuk and Amy Sheneman. **(Sixth Grade Honorable Mention)**. Erica Cione, Jacob Heger, Connor Kriz and Christopher Sargent.

Nazareth Academy - LaGrange Park

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who were named to the honor roll at Nazareth Academy for the second semester of the 2004/2005 school year. The A honor roll indicates a grade point average of 3.5 to 4.0 and the B honor roll indicates a grade point average of 3.0 to 3.49. Cate Gula (A), Samantha Matkovich (B) and Lauren Gula (B).

Pleasantdale School District #107

Congratulations to the following students from Indian Head Park who earned honor roll status for the fourth quarter of the 2004/2005 school year at Pleasantdale Middle School: **(Gold Honor Roll - 4.0 grade point average)**: Charlotte Mikat-Stevens. **(Silver Honor Roll - 3.75 to 3.99 grade point average)**: Katelyn Perrino, Patrick Hardy, Snjezana Jovanovic and Katherine Bailey. **(Bronze Honor Roll - 3.5 to 3.749 grade point average)**: Timothy Stuart. **Congratulations also to the eighth grade graduates -- Class of 2005**: Bridget Anselmo, Katherine Bailey, James Fico, Dragana Jovanovic, Ioannis Klementzos, Charlotte Mikat-Stevens, John Sophie, Timothy Stuart, Jonathan Torres and Michael Valenta.

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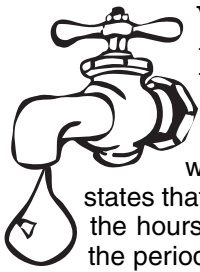
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TEEPEE TOPICS

The Southwest Suburban Center on Aging will be hosting a seminar on August 11, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at 111 West Harris Avenue in LaGrange. The topic of discussion will be Medicare Part D drug benefit changes. This program is the most significant change to the Medicare program. It will allow all persons in Medicare to have a prescription drug plan and a choice of at least two drug plans for brand name and generic drugs. The monthly premium for this benefit program is approximately \$37 with an annual deductible of \$250 (prices may vary depending on individual income levels). This plan will also affect other Illinois pharmaceutical programs, such as Circuit Breaker and Senior Care. If you are interested in participating in this seminar, please contact the Southwest Suburban Center on Aging at (708) 354-1323.

Indian Head Park residents: please be aware that the dumpster located at the Acacia Clubhouse is for **Acacia use only**. The dumpster area is videotaped by the Acacia Association and residents and/or contractors who use Acacia's dumpster to dispose of their items may be prosecuted or fined.

Brenda Brkusic, 24 years old and from Indian Head Park, won a prestigious CINE Golden Eagle Award for her documentary **Freedom From Despair**. The documentary feature film was written, produced, directed and edited by Brenda.

The CINE Golden Eagle Awards, distinguishes excellence in professional and amateur works and are recognized internationally as symbols of the highest production standards in filmmaking and videography. CINE has, since its founding in

1957, been dedicated to discovering, rewarding, educating and supporting established and emerging talent in film and video. Among great talents whose first major awards included the CINE Golden Eagle, are Steven Spielberg and George Lucas and such great documentarians as Ken Burns, Charles Guggenheim, Stanley Nelson and Frederick Wiseman. Brenda Brkusic started her award winning film **Freedom From Despair** when she was 21 years old and a full time college student on an academic scholarship at Chapman University School of Film and Television in Southern California. Her film has been praised internationally by both film critics and humanitarian organizations including Amnesty International which accepted her film to have a world premier in their film festival at the Director's Guild in Hollywood last year. **Freedom From Despair** is a riveting, feature-length documentary that introduces us to a 20th Century freedom fighter--who happens to be Brkusic's father. For more information about Brenda Brkusic and her film, visit: www.freedomfromdespair.com. **Congratulations to Brenda Brkusic on your accomplishments!**

The following safety announcement is being provided from one of our friends at 7-Eleven in Indian Head Park: **remain outside** your vehicle during fueling to avoid creating a static charge. Fill portable containers **on the ground**, not in vehicles or on truck beds. **Stop engine** before refueling and do not start the engine during refueling. **No smoking or open flames** (i.e. R.V. pilot lights and generators). **Do Not Allow Children** to dispense fuel. **Observe other posted safety warnings at the gas pumps.**

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